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SUBJECT: FATAH LEADER THREATENS ACTIONAGAINST NEW US PEACEMAKING MOVES

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1. LOCAL PRESS JUNE 13 CARRIES NOTEWORTHY STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY MAJED ABU SHARAR, SECRETARY OF FATAH'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, AT RECENT PUBLIC RALLY IN LIBYA. GIST OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT FEDAYEEN CAN BE CCOUNTED ON TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO SCUTTLE NEW MOVES BY USG TO ATTAIN FURTHER STEP-BY-STEP PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL ME SETTLEMENT. ABU SHARAR REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE IN FATAH HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE (SADAT? ASAD?) TO SPEAK IN OUR NAME. WE EMPHASIZE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO STAND IN FACE OF ANY ATTEMPTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE WITH OR RECONGNITION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISRAEL. WE SHALL NOT STAND IDLY BY REGARDING PASSAGE

OF ENEMY CARGOES THROUGH SUEZ CANAL. AS WE CONTRIBUTED TO FAILURE OF KISSINGER MISSION THROUGH OUR GREAT SAVOY OPERATION, WE MUST EXPECT A SECOND AND THIRD SAVOY OPERATION."

2. COMMENT: TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR ASSESSMENT RE LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED FEDAYEEN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY SO-CALLED PLO/FATAH " MODERATES" (PARA 4 REFTEL), WE FIND ABU SHARAR'S REMARKS QUITE OMINOUS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS DOUBTLESS PLAYING FOR PALESTINIAN AND ARAB GRAND-STAND, WE ARE INCLINED TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD. GODLEY

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